

REMARKS

Examiner's comments in the Office Action marked "FINAL" and dated May 9, 2007 have been read and carefully considered by Applicants. In view of such comments, Applicants have amended the set of claims in the present Application as set forth hereinabove. In particular, claims 1-4, 7-13, 16, and 17 have been amended, and claims 5, 6, 14, 19, and 20 have been canceled. Claims 15 and 18 remain in the Application as previously presented. No new claims have been added. Thus, claims 1-4, 7-13, and 15-18 remain pending in Applicants' present Application for Examiner's consideration.

At the present time, it is Applicants' good faith belief that the pending claims, as presented herein, are both novel and non-obvious with respect to all prior art of record. Therefore, Applicants respectfully aver that the pending claims now place the present Application in a condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter:

In the Office Action, Examiner indicated that independent claim 15 contains patentable subject matter and that claim 15 is thus currently allowable over the prior art of record.

In response, Applicants have herein merely amended the set of claims in the present Application so that all other pending claims are now dependent on claim 15. In view of such, Applicants now respectfully maintain that pending claims 1-4, 7-13, and 16-18 too are currently allowable over the prior art of record.

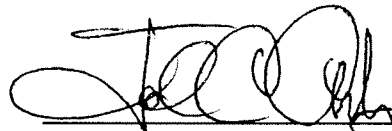
CONCLUSION

In view of the claims as amended and also the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 15 and claims 1-4, 7-13, and 16-18 dependent thereon are all novel and non-obvious with respect to the prior art of record. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that all of Examiner's rejections in the Office Action be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued for all claims 1-4, 7-13, and 15-18.

Should Examiner have any questions with respect to any matter now of record, Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 433-7200.

Respectfully submitted,

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